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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any recession in the Global Software Industry at present;

(b) if so, whether Indian I.T. Professionals employed in the software industries in US and other countries are being retrenched;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Indian Government propose to tackle this inflow of computer trained personnel?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): Due to current slowdown in the World economy, many companies in the World are cutting down costs and laying off employees. Some World companies, who earlier opted for on-site work are now converting these into offshore assignments on cost considerations. However, no precise data is available regarding the number of IT professionals who have returned for these reasons. As per NASSCOM`s estimate, about 1000 IT professionals might have returned.

(d): Several policy measures have been taken to facilitate infrastructural development and attract foreign investment in the area of Information Technology for improving the position of employment in the country. Some of the areas, setting up new Software Technology Parks (STPs), establishing Media Lab Asia, spread of Internet and IT enabled services.